

Developmental Disabilities Administration

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Statewide Investigation Unit

The Statewide Investigation Unit (SIU) was established by Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) in 2007 to respond to federal law. The law requires independent investigation of the most serious classifications of the incidents occurring at the four residential habilitation centers (RHCs).

The SIU is comprised of eight compliance and investigation managers who are stationed at the RHCs with supervision and direction provided by the SIU Manager.



Individuals:

The SIU provides quality services to individuals residing in RHCs to help ensure they are living safe, healthy and secure lives through:

- Conducting independent, thorough, and timely investigations of serious incidents
- Monitoring the RHCs for compliance with plans of correction when required
- Providing training on incident investigations and federal and state regulations and policies
- Analyzing data for trends and patterns to be addressed
- Conducting reviews of investigations completed by the RHCs

Quality Assurance Oversight

External

• Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Internal

• DSHS Residential Care Services Division compliance



Stakeholders

- Clients
- Families
- Local and state law enforcement agencies

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Currently, 597 individuals live in the four RHCs in Washington:

- Fircrest School in Shoreline
- Lakeland Village in Medical Lake
- Rainier School in Buckley
- Yakima Valley School in Selah